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Dated 8-3-49.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Industries - Sericulture - G & F College
Temporary Closure of - Owing to
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Industries and Commerce Department.

From
Sri. P. Govinda Menon B.E.,
Joint Director of Industries
and Commerce,
Chepauk, Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

No. 2732 D.2/48 dated 18-2-49.

Sir,

Sub: Industries -- Sericulture - Government Silk Filatures, Kollegal - Cocoon shortage - Proposals for the temporary closure of filatures - submitted.

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The Sericultural Expert, Government Silk Filatures, Kollegal has reported that the stock of cocoons has fallen very low, that he has not been able to effect any large purchases owing to high prices of cocoons and that the present stock will last only till about the end of this month. The seasonal conditions this year had been very unfavourable for the sericultural industry and the cocoon crops have been very sparse even during the Tharagaddy season. As Government are aware, the silk market has been very depressed since about a year due to large scale imports of cheap foreign silk, but there has not been corresponding reduction in the price of cocoons. This is due to the fact that the charka reelers are able to pay higher prices for cocoons than that the filatures can afford to give. Under the present silk market conditions and in the present financial position of the filatures it would be impossible to pay more than 1-4-0 a lb for the cocoons if the production cost is to be kept within reasonable limits.

A In the above circumstances sufficient cocoons can not be purchased to keep the filature working. I have therefore asked the Sericultural Expert to close down the filatures temporarily from 1-3-49 to 31-5-49 in anticipation of approval of Government. Instructions have also been issued to discharge the labourers and to retain only the minimum number of workmen required for the ordinary maintenance work. This will avoid payment of ex-gratia allowances during the period of closure. As regards the factory staff, Sericultural Expert has been requested to see whether some of them who are qualified, could be absorbed temporarily in the Sericultural section. The remaining staff will be given the leave to which they are eligible while for the rest of the period, they will be kept engaged in maintenance work at the filatures The clerical staff will however attend office during the closure period.

B If the supply position of cocoons improves in the meantime and sufficient stock is available, work will be resumed earlier. The Sericultural Expert has promised to submit weekly reports regarding the stock position of cocoons and a further report will be submitted to Government during the first week of April, 1949. I am also proceeding to Kollegal on 23-2-49 to have a detailed discussion with the Sericultural Expert on this.

X I request that my action in having ordered the Sericultural Expert to close down the filatures temporarily from 1-3-49 to 31-5-49 may be approved.

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for Joint Director of Industries and Commerce,
Madras.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore for information.
Copy to the Commissioner of Labour for information.

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Development Department.

Subject:- Industries - Sericulture - Govt. Silk Filatures, Kollegal - Temporary closure of - Owing to shortage of cocoons - Action of the D.I & C. Approved.

Ref:- From the Jt. D.I & C. No.2732-D2/48, d/ 18-2-49.

O R D E R Ms.No. 1158 d/ 8.3.1949.

In the circumstances reported by the D.I & C. in his letter read above H.E. the Governor approves his action in having arranged to close down the Govt. Silk Filatures, Kollegal, temporarily from 1-3-1949 to 31-5-1949. The D.I & C. is requested to arrange for the discharge of the labourers and to retain only the minimum number of workmen required for ordinary maintenance work. As regards factory staff, such of them as are qualified and suitable may be absorbed in the Sericultural Section. The remaining staff should be given the leave for which they are eligible and for the rest of the period they should be engaged in maintenance

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work at the filatures. The clerical staff will however continue to work during the closure period.

2. The D.I & C. is requested to review the position and submit a detailed report in the first week of April 1949. He is also requested to report ~~accurately the possible~~ the loss to Govt. resulting from the temporary closure of the filatures suggesting at the same time ways andmeans for its future improvement on sound lines.

To theD.I & C.
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To A.S.

TheD.I & C. has ordered the temporary closure of the Govt. Silk Filatures, Kollegal from 1-3-49 to 31-5-1949 owing to shortage of Cocoons and requests that his action may be approved. The filatures were closed previously for the same reason during the period 19-7-48 to 30-9-48 — vide order in G.O.4300, Dev. d/ 18-8-48. It is for orders whether the action of the D.I & C. in having ordered the temporary closure and the arrangements proposed by him on p.l c.f. during the period of closure will be approved. Subject to orders the draft order above is submitted for approval. Finance may see for acceptance before circulation.

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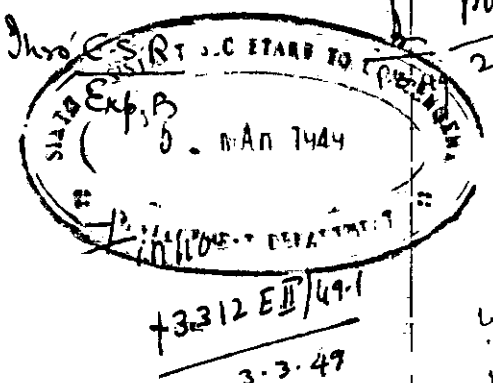
The draft order on pp 1-2 above may be accepted.



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The draft order on page 1 above, which is self-explanatory may now issue

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